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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 6/6/01 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION***Drawings***

1. The drawings are objected to because every element of each drawing figure should be labeled (see Figure 1). Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is suggested to be changed to one paragraph (Remove the indentation). Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

3. Claims 8-13 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. In claim 8, line 4, the phrase “for signal” is suggested to be changed to “for the signal”.
 - b. In claim 11, line 18, the phrase “receiver a signal” is suggested to be changed to “receive a signal”.
 - c. In claim 11, line 22, the phrase “the signal-to-noise ratio” is suggested to be changed to “a signal-to-noise ratio”.
 - d. In claims 8 and 11, the phrase “PCG-by-PCG” is suggested to be changed to “power control group by power control group”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-2 and 4-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ariyavisitakul et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6, 012, 161), hereinafter referred to as Reference A.

Regarding claim 1, Reference A discloses a method of interference cancellation comprising:

receiving (Fig. 2, column 5, lines 30-47 and column 6, lines 13-25) a signal including at least a first data component (data) and a second data component (channel corruption or ISI) on a communication channel;

determining (column 4, line 1-column 6, line 25) a characteristic (Equation 8, or γ , which is the signal to ISI-plus noise ratio) of the communication channel;

estimating (column 4, line 1-column 6, line 25) an interference factor (Equation 11) based upon the characteristic;

using (column 6, lines 13-25) the interference factor to cancel the second data component from the signal; and

recovering (Fig. 2, block 70, column 5, lines 30-47) the first data component from the signal.

Regarding claim 2, which inherits the limitations of claim 1, Reference A discloses the interference factor comprises one of a data estimate (Equation 11, y_n , column 4, lines 1-11)) and a partial interference coefficient (Equation 11, x_n).

Regarding claim 4, which inherits the limitations of claim 1, Reference A discloses the step of estimating comprises applying a function to the characteristic (Equation 8 and Equation 11).

Regarding claim 5, which inherits the limitations of claim 4, Reference A discloses the function comprises a piece-wise linear estimation of the hyperbolic tangent (Equation 11, column 6, lines 13-25).

Regarding claim 6, which inherits the limitations of claim 4, Reference A discloses the function comprises a piece-wise linear estimation of a probability error function (Equation 8).

Regarding claim 7, which inherits the limitations of claim 1, Reference A discloses the characteristic comprises one of a signal estimation and a noise estimation (see Equation 8 and 11, γ).

Regarding claim 8, Reference A discloses a receiver (Fig. 2) including interference cancellation, wherein the receiver is adapted to receive a signal including a first data component (data) and a second data component (ISI), a method of providing a data estimate comprising the steps of:

estimating (Equation 11, γ , column 6, lines 26-28) a signal-to-noise ratio for the signal;

applying (Equation 11, column 6, lines 13-25) a function to the signal-to-noise ratio to determine a soft data estimate on power control group by power control group (wherein y_n , which represents the currently soft-decided signal, represents the power control group, see column 4, lines 1-11 and column 5, lines 48-55) for each of the first data component and the second data component;

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subtracting (column 6, lines 13-25) from the signal the soft data estimate of the second data component, wherein subtracting the soft data estimate including the ISI removes the ISI from the signal.

Regarding claim 9, which inherits the limitations of claim 8, Reference A discloses the step of estimating a signal-to-noise ratio (column 5, lines 8-19) comprises estimating a first signal term (signal power) and second signal term (noise/ISI).

Regarding claim 10, which inherits the limitations of claim 8, Reference A discloses the function comprises a piece-wise linear estimation of the hyperbolic tangent (column 6, lines 13-25, Equation 11).

Regarding claim 11, Reference A discloses in receiver including partial interference cancellation (Fig. 2), the receiver is adapted to receive a signal including a first data component (signal) and a second data component (ISI), a method of providing a partial interference coefficient comprising the steps of:

estimating (Equation 11, γ or signal-to-ISI plus noise ratio, column 6, lines 26-28) a first signal term (signal) and a second signal term (ISI) of the signal;

applying (Equation 8) a function to a signal-to-noise ratio to determine an intermediate parameter on a power control group by power control group basis;

using (Equation 11, column 4, lines 1-25) the intermediate parameter to determine a partial interference coefficient (x_n).

Regarding claim 12, which inherits the limitations of claim 11, Reference A discloses using the intermediate parameter to determine a second partial interference coefficient (Equation 8, column 4, line 1-column 5, line 19, wherein the intermediate parameter uses past intermediate parameters to determine its value (see column 4, line

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50-column 5, line 15). Thus, the value of a second intermediate parameter used to calculate a second partial interference coefficient (Equation 11) would take into account the value of the first intermediate parameter used to calculate the first partial interference coefficient.

Regarding claim 13, which inherits the limitations of claim 11, Reference A discloses the function comprises a piece-wise linear estimation of a probability error function (Equation 8).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ariyavisitakul et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6, 012, 161), hereinafter referred to as Reference A.

Regarding claim 3, which inherits the limitations of claim 1, Reference A does not disclose the signal comprises a spread spectrum code division multiple access system signal. However, Reference A discloses that the operation can be performed on any signal which experiences fading and ISI (column 3, lines 3-10). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that since a spread spectrum code division multiple access system signal is subject to fading

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and ISI, that the method as described by Reference A could have been performed on this type of signal. Thus, claim 3 does not constitute patentability.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Curtis B. Odom whose telephone number is 571-272-3046. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571-272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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